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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REPATRIATIONS

1. I HAVE RAISED WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL THE MATTER OF THE DIFFICULTIES WE ARE HAVING IN ARRANGING THE REPATRIATION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WHO HAVE ASKED TO RETURN. I MENTIONED THAT THERE WERE NOW SOME TWO THOUSAND SUCH PERSONS AND THAT PURELY AS A HUMANITARIAN MATTER WE HOPED THIS MIGHT BE DONE WITH A MINIMUM OF DELAY. WE HOPED THAT UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES WOULD HELP BY NUDGING HANOI AND SAIGON, AS THEY WERE OBVIOUSLY BEING UNCOOPERATIVE. I VOLUNTEERED THAT I ASSUMED THEY WERE SUSPICIOUS OF THOSE WHO MIGHT WISH TO RETURN, AND THAT THEY COULD NOT BE OVERMUCH PLEASED BY ANY TROUBLES WE MIGHT BE HAVING. EVEN SO, WE FELT THOSE WHO WISHED TO RETURN SHOULD BE ENABLED TO DO SO.

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THE SECRETARY GENERAL WAS QUITE POSITIVE -- NOT HIS INVARIABLE

RESPONSE TO SUCH QUESTIONS. HE SAID HE WOULD TAKE THE MATTER UP DIRECTLY WITH THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WITH WHOM HE WAS TO BE IN TOUCH TODAY IN ANY EVENT, AND VOLUNTEERED TO CONTACT HANOI AND SAIGON DIRECTLY.

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